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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Resume of OCB Luncheon Meeting, 9 December 1959

PRESENT: Mr. Bissell, Mr. Floberg(AEC), Mr. Gray, Mr. Harr,

Mr. Irwin, Mr. Merchant, Mr. Riddleberger, Mr. Scribner, Mr. Washburn, Mr. Smith

1. Proposed Release on Nuclear Tests

Mr. Floberg reported that a message had just been received from Mr. Wadsworth in Geneva arguing against the proposed release at this time. He said that the argument was convincing to AEC, and accordingly it was agreed that no further action would be taken now.

2. Release of Material from the Rosenberg Trial

The paper which had been prepared for the Board with regard to the Greenglass papers which were presented in evidence at the Rosenberg trial, and which are now impounded, was discussed. It was agreed that the AEC should inform Judge Kaufman that in the opinion of the Executive Branch of the Government the material is no longer considered classified and that there is no objection to his releasing it if he desires.

3. NSC Policy on Turkey

Mr. Gray and Mr. Harr discussed the fact that the OCB Report on Turkey, which was considered by the Board at its meeting of 18 November, did not recommend a review of policy. They maintained that this was not a logical position for the Board to take inasmuch as the pertinent NSC policy paper carries specific guidance, with respect to military assistance, which covers the period only from FY 57 to

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FY 60 and that therefore a review of policy should be required.

The Board had no objection to going along with a recommendation that the Planning Board review the policy in the light of the abovementioned factors.

4. Outline Plan for Afghanistan

The paragraphs in the Afghanistan Operations Plan, which refer to U.S. action in the event of overt Communist aggression against that country and which were the subject of much discussion at the 2 December meeting, were discussed once more. Mr. Harr suggested, and the Board concurred, that a feasible solution to the various objections raised would be to delete these paragraphs from the Plan and to incorporate them in a special policy guidance to the Ambassador.

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